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PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

The progress made during the past century is wonderful to behold and yet what is it to the prophesied evolutions of the present century. We will not be here to see the predictions of statisticians and savants verified but we have no doubt that the prophesied changes which we can hardly realize now will take place before the world is a hundred years older.

The census of the United States in 1800 gave a total population of 3,929,214. The census just completed for 1900 shows a population of 76,305,000 souls. Director of Census Merriam after a careful and conservative calculation figures the population for the year 2000 at 400,000,000. Where the people are to come from we do not know, but Merriam says they will be there and that New York and Chicago will each have a population of 30,000,000. In 1840, Chicago's population was only 4,470, sixty years after it was 1,698,575, and one hundred years later it is expected to be 30,000,000.

Other countries expect an increase in population at the same rate. Brazil's minister to Washington says that in 1800 Brazil had a population of 3,000,000, of whom 2,000,000 were negroes and Indians. Now the population is 20,000,000, of whom a very small percentage are Africans or Indians. He confidently expects that the end of this century will see the population of Brazil increased to 100,000,000. If the territory belonging to Brazil was as thickly populated as is Portugal the population would easily reach 500,000,000. Professor Agassiz claims that the valley of the Amazon river alone can comfortably accommodate 300,000,000.

The republic of Argentina is also one of the coming countries and it is predicted that its population will be over 100,000,000 in the year 2000. It is expected that the commerce of Argentina, now valued at \$400,000,000, will in a hundred years from now amount to the enormous sum of \$10,000,000,000. It is also prophesied by those who know the country best that Buenos Ayres in 1950 will have a population of 5,000,000 and in 2000 an increase to double that amount.

Were all these people are to come from the savants do not tell us. Europe is no longer over crowded to any serious extent and it will be found that immigration will decrease materially during the present century.

By reading extracts from the newspapers from the beginning of the last century we see that there are many points where no improvement has been felt and many vexed question which a century couldn't solve satisfactorily. Look at the servant question for instance. To this day the housekeepers in all corners

of the world are trying to solve the question and are up in arms against the intelligence offices which they claim (and justly) are a lot of thieving dens and money-extorting swindles. Now, read what the Evening Post, N. Y., said on Dec. 6, 1815:

Perhaps there is nothing so universally the subject of complaint in this city as the difficulty of getting, or latterly of keeping when got, good house servants. Within a few years we have had the misfortune to have a new species of evil introduced among us, called intelligence offices. These, at least some of them, under the pretence of furnishing servants to those who are in want, render it almost impossible to keep one if you are lucky enough to get one.

As to political amenities we haven't changed the tone of the year 1800 for the better at least in dealing with political opponents. We would consider the Philadelphia Aurora "mild" when on Jan. 1, 1801, published the following paragraph:

A correspondent says he has been conversing with "Long John" Allen, one of the pious editors of the Courier, of whom he inquired. Who is likely to be President of the United States? and was answered by him: "We have got an Atheist for President and a Hell Cat for Vice President." We need not search further for the cause of their [the federalists'] fright. Faithful cats are apt to terrify mischievous rats.

Society news was of the same caliber as it is to-day and every event was chronicled. In 1901 the yellow journals fill columns in describing the condition of a Vanderbilt baby and go into details from the twist of the baby's mouth when it cries to the lace on the diapers. This is a "society" item from the Aurora of November 17, 1801:

On Wednesday, the 26th of October, the wife of Aaron Burr, No. 4 Banker street, was safely delivered by Dr. Von Soligen of three fine, lovely children, two boys and one girl. The parents are young, honest and industrious, but their circumstances are not equal to the support of so rapid an increase.

The newspapers were sadly behind the standard of our modern "yellow journalism." Imagine the leading paper of the day announcing the election of Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr in the following paragraph:

FROM WASHINGTON.

FEBRUARY 18, 1801.

Yesterday, precisely at 12 o'clock, the election of Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr was announced by the firing of the cannon in the Arsenal by the artillery company commanded by Captain Shaw.

Yesterday the bells at Christ Church kept constantly tolling for the death of the British faction in this country. Requiescat in pace. Amen!

Hearst would have gone crazy if any of his editors should allow even the election of a janitor to a public library to pass with such a notice as that given to a presidential election in 1801. But worst yet is the announcement of the duel between Burr and Hamilton in which the latter was killed. The announcement appeared in a New York paper July 13, 1804, and reads:

With emotions that we have not a hand to inscribe have we to announce the death of Alexander Hamilton.

He was cut off in the full vigor of his faculties and in the midst of all his usefulness.

And the verdict of the Coroner's jury is given on August 4th without comment. It reads:

The Coroner's inquest, after a very patient and laborious examination of the facts and circumstances relating to the late afflicting event, have pronounced upon their oaths that "Aaron Burr, Esq., Vice President of the United States, was guilty of the murder of Alexander Hamilton, and that William P. Van Ness, Esq., attorney at law, and Nathaniel Pendleton, Esq., counsellor at law, were accessories."

Our High Sheriff mustn't think that the hunt for police scamps is confined to the 20th century. On July 28, 1835, the Herald contains a paragraph which might have been

cut from Judge Humphrey's paper yesterday. It reads:

The corporation ought to take the police in hand—reorganize the whole department, and give it an efficient head, and a regular system. There ought to be a general investigation of all the police officers in town.

When dreamers in the early part of last century predicted that New York would become a large city they were probably laughed at, and even such a prophetic paper as the New York Herald could hardly imagine what Greater New York would mean before the close of the century. The following paragraph from the Herald May 6, 1835, is significant:

In a walk on a pleasant afternoon in the outskirts of the city, three or four miles beyond the City Hall, on the borders of civilization north of Washington square, we found ourselves before a couple of small two-story houses, that swarmed with pledges of love, or in plain language, young children. * * * One, two, three, four, up to nineteen, between the ages of two and ten, were actually about the doors, or poking their heads out at the broken windows. * * *

With such samples of populousness how can New York help being a large city?

We can afford a superior smile at the travelling facilities a hundred years ago. What the good people then called fast time make us laugh now, as undoubtedly the people of the year 2000 will guffaw at what we to-day call fast time. Here is a record breaker from the Connecticut Courant Nov. 28, 1814:

Winter Establishment.—New Enterprise.—Leaves Hartford for New York every afternoon at one o'clock, lodges at New Haven, and arrives at the City Hotel, New York, next day at 7 o'clock p. m., being one and a half days from Hartford to New York.

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Among the well-known men of the newspaper profession is F. J. Lawrence, of 435 Fourth Avenue, Detroit, Mich., who for the past eleven years has been at his desk every day. He says:

"At one time I was in such a condition that my physician said I would have nervous prostration; that I would have to stop newspaper work or I would go to pieces if I persisted in doing it, as I was destroying what nerve force I had left. I lost flesh and had a complication of ailments which baffled skilful physicians. An associate recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and I gave them a trial. I can't say that I received any benefit from the first box, but derived very good results from the second. They gave me strength and helped my shattered nerves so that I could get a full night's rest."

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Wonderful changes will take place during this century but we are confident that a hundred years from now our male grandchildren will complain daily over the servants while our female grandchildren will demand a thorough investigation of the police department and the removal of the lady at the head of the force. When the Archangel blows his solo for cornet announcing that doomsday has come, the housekeepers will cry out: "There we are again. We told Emerson Wong Tai Castello to wake us up in time to get a front seat, but the good-for-nothing loafer is of course at the steps talking Volapuk to that pretty saucy police girl." And if the archangel hasn't started his business yet the echo will answer: "The police should be investigated at once and all of them discharged."

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